

REMARKS

In the Action claims 1-13 are rejected over the cited publications. In response claims 1-13 are cancelled and new claims 14-25 are added.

Independent claim 14 is directed to the specific alkoxy-substituted indanes as disclosed on page 2 of the specification. Claim 15 is directed to the method of producing the alkoxy-substituted indanes of claim 1 by reacting the respective alkoxy substituted aromatic compound as disclosed on page 4 of the specification with isoprene in the presence of an acid catalyst. The art of record does not disclose or suggest the alkoxy-substituted indanes or the method of making the indanes as now claimed.

Claim 16 is directed to the method of producing the alkoxy-substituted 1-indanones by oxidizing the respective compound of claim 14.

Claims 17-21 depend directly or indirectly from method claim 16 to recite additional features of the invention. The oxidizing agents and metal compounds as claimed are disclosed on page 7 of the specification. Claim 22 is directed to the method using phase transfer catalysis as in original claim 7.

Claims 23 -25 are directed to alkoxy-substituted 1-indanones as disclosed in the specification.

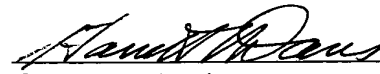
The art of record does not disclose or suggest the alkoxy-substituted indanes, the alkoxy-substituted indanones or the method of producing the compounds as now claimed. Accordingly claims 14-25 are submitted to be allowable over the art of record. In particular, the claims are not anticipated by the article by Patti et al., XP-002242457, XP-002242444, XP-002242452, WO 02/38537 or EP 1000950.

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In view of these amendments, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

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